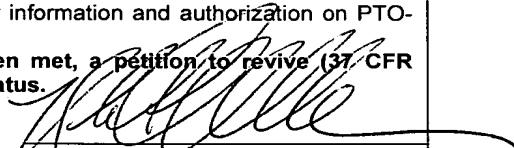


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| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br>PCT/DE2004/000815   | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br>19 April 2004 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED<br>17 April 2003                              |                                    |
| <b>TITLE OF INVENTION</b><br>TEST STRUCTURE FOR ELECTRICALLY VERIFYING THE DEPTHS OF TRENCH-ETCHINGS IN AN SOI WAFER, AND ASSOCIATED WORKING METHODS   |  |   |                                    |
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